Customs and the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Indian High Commission at London have also been requested to find out as to how these antiquities have been collected for auction there so that specific cases can be instituted in the courts abroad for their retrieval. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence who are investigating the instant case in India, have been provided with the available evidence regarding the theft of antiquities/art objects so as to facilitate the investigation on priority basis. The Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to enquire into the alleged involvement of the diplomats in the illicit trafficking of Indian antiquities.

Shikshakarmi Project

4529. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where 'Shikshakarmi Project' has been launched;

(b) whether, under the aforesaid scheme, the Panchayats are empowered to recruit Shikshakarmis;

(c) if so, whether Government have come across some cases of irregularities in the recruitment of Shikshakarmis in District Panchayat Chanderi in Guna District of Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that only trained candidates belonging to the concerned villages are recruited as Shikshakarmis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Shikshakarmi Project (SKP) is being implemented in the State of Rajasthan since 1987 with assistance from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The project identifies teacher absenteeism as a major obstacle in universalisation of primary education and engages local youth with requisite qualifications as Shikshakarmis in consultation with local community to teach in primary schools.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has separately initiated a scheme under which Zila and Janpad Panchayats appoint Shikshakarmis in primary schools in lieu of regularly recruited teachers.

(c) and (d) According to Government of Madhya Pradesh, they have no information so far regarding irregularities, if any, in recruitment done in Chanderi Panchayat of Guna District under the scheme.

(e) In Madhya Pradesh all eligible candidates whether trained or untrained, are considered for appointment as Shikshakarmis. However, training is provided to such Shikshakarmis.

Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range

4530. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rude, arrogant and negative attitude of top officials of Dr. Karni Singh Shooting range, towards shooters;

(b) if so, whether any complaint/ representation has been received in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have examined the complaints;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to create a good atmosphere for shooters at the said range?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN): (a) to (c) Sir, a complaint was received by